

**Town of Hanover**  
**Advisory Committee**  
**550 Hanover Street**  
**Hanover, MA 02339**

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday April 23, 2014

**Opening:**

John O'Leary called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

**Committee Attendees:**

John O'Leary, Helen Graves, Donald White, Jerry O'Hearn, Wayne Moores, Nicole Duhamel, Angela Blanchard, Chris Martin, Jim Van Arsdale

**Absent:**

None

**Reserve Fund Transfer Request-Bob Murray:**

Facilities Manager Bob Murray presented the Advisory Committee with a Reserve Fund Transfer Request totaling \$23,425 for the assessment and emergency removal of the Town Hall Cupola. Mr. Murray explained that the last wet heavy snow storm compromised the cupola which was already in need of repair. Mr. Murray called in CBI to investigate the status of the cupola. They deemed it highly unsafe and recommended its removal. Mr. Murray contracted Steeplejacks for the removal of the cupola. Upon removal it was discovered that some of the columns supporting the cupola had rotted.

Helen Graves inquired of Mr. Murray if he had spoken to CPC. Helen felt that emergency funding from C.P.C. may be available due to the historic nature of the cupola. Mr. Murray responded that he had not spoken to C.P.C.

The Committee discussed in length the pros and cons of funding this request from the Reserve Fund in comparison with suggesting Mr. Murray seek funding from C.P.C.

Chris Martin made a motion to have the cupola removal and repair be funded by C.P.C. funds noting that if C.P.C. funds are not available it is this Committee's recommendation that a special article be brought to Town Meeting to fund this request. Jim VanArsdale seconded this motion and it was voted unanimously.

**Complete Commentary:**

**Article 48:** Helen Graves made a motion to accept this commentary as written, Angela Blanchard seconded and it was so voted.

**Article 49:** Chris Martin made a motion to accept this commentary as written, Don White seconded and it was so voted. Angela Blanchard recused herself from the vote.

**Article 50:** No Vote

**Article 51:** Jim VanArsdale made a motion to accept this commentary as written, Nicole Duhamel seconded and it was so voted.

**Article 52:** No Vote

**Article 53:** Jim VanArsdale made a motion to accept this commentary as written, Jerry O'Hearn seconded and it was so voted.

**Article 54:** Chris Martin made a motion to accept this commentary as written, Wayne Moores seconded and it was so voted. Angela Blanchard recused herself from the vote.

**Article 55:** Jim VanArsdale made a motion to accept this commentary as written, Helen Graves seconded and it was so voted.

**Article 56:** Chris Martin made a motion to accept this commentary as written, Jim Van Arsdale seconded and it was so voted. Angela Blanchard recused herself from the vote.

**Article 57:** Helen Graves made a motion to accept this commentary as written, Chris Martin seconded and it was so voted. Angela Blanchard recused herself from the vote.

**Article 58:** Helen Graves made a motion to accept this commentary as written, Nicole Duhamel seconded and it was so voted.

**Article 59:** Chris Martin made a motion to accept this commentary as written, Jerry O'Hearn seconded and it was so voted.

**Article 60:** Helen Graves made a motion to accept this commentary as written, Angela Blanchard seconded and it was so voted.

**Article 61:** No Vote

**Article 62:** Jim VanArsdale made a motion to accept this commentary as written, Chris Martin seconded and it was so voted.

**Article 63:** Jerry O'Hearn made a motion to accept this commentary as written, Wayne Moores seconded and it was so voted.

**Article 64:** Helen Graves made a motion to accept this commentary as written, Chris Martin seconded and it was so voted.

**Article 65:** Jerry O'Hearn made a motion to accept this commentary as written, Chris Martin seconded and it was so voted.

**Article 66:** Jim VanArsdale made a motion to accept this commentary as written, Helen Graves seconded and it was so voted.

**FY2015 Budget:**

Helen Graves made a motion to re-open the vote on the Registrar's budget, Jim VanArsdale seconded and it was so voted.

Helen spoke regarding her opinion that the Registrar's drastic budget reduction was not necessary. The Committee discussed at length the negative effects this large budget cut could have on the Registrar's Office.

Helen Graves made a motion to increase the FY2015 Registrar's budget from \$6,998 to \$23,000 with the funding for this increase coming from a portion of the unfunded Junior Engineer position. Jerry O'Hearn seconded and it was so voted.

**Adjournment:**

Jim VanArsdale made a motion to adjourn at 9:20 p.m., Nicole Duhamel seconded and it was so voted.